



MONROE THIS WEEK

August 28, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Planning Commission
Salary Commission

Job Openings

Accountant
Customer Service Specialist
Senior Planner
Entry Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer
(Lateral)

Events this Week

8/28 ~~Free MOVIES under the Moon, Hunger Games – Mockingjay, Lk Tye Park, 8PM~~
CANCELLED – due to inclement weather

8/29 Monroe Fair Days Parade, W Main Street, 11AM-1PM
Post-Parade Festival, W Main St Plaza, 1PM-6PM

9/1 City Council Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

9/2 Farm to Table Farmer's Market, Traveler's Park, 3-7PM

9/4- Australian Shepherd Dog
9/6 Agility Trials, Sky River Park

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

Be In The Know!

Celebrate Monroe Fair Days, 8/27 – 9/7!

August 27, through September 7, 2015, is "Monroe Fair Days." I encourage everyone to take part in all the activities that are happening at, or are related to, the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe. For information about events and entertainment at the Evergreen State Fair, go to www.evergreenfair.org.

Monroe Fair Days Parade, 8/29!! Thank You, Chamber!!!

The Monroe Fair Days Parade will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015, on West Main Street between Park Place Middle School and Lewis Street. The Parade begins at 11 a.m.; and a festival will be held after the parade on the West Main Street Plaza, just west of Lewis Street, from 1 to 6 p.m. Thank you to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for organizing and sponsoring these awesome events!

New Banners Downtown!

The City has changed the banners in downtown Monroe. The new banners feature slogans like "Shop Here" and "Music Here" and include images representing these slogans. Come downtown and check them out!

Be Alert! School Starting again!

Schools will be going into session shortly. Please remember:

1. To watch for students walking to and from school,
2. To stop for busses when red lights are flashing, and
3. To adhere to the speed limit in our school zones.

City of Monroe Year to Date Comparisons

*The following are year to date
comparisons of a few*

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$2,038,247

'15 to 7/31/15: \$2,255,167

UP \$216,890 or 10.64%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 7/31/14: \$226,021

'15 to 7/31/15: \$345,565

UP \$119,544 or 52.89%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$28,126

'15 to 7/31/15: \$29,285

UP \$1,159 or 4.12%

Business License Fees

'14 to 7/31/14: \$28,515

'15 to 7/31/15: \$28,414

UP \$101 or 0.35%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$116,819

'15 to 7/31/15: \$205,841

UP \$89,022 or 76.20%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 7/31/14: \$17,140

'15 to 7/31/15: \$80,697

UP \$63,557 or 370.81%

New House Permits

'14 to 7/31/14: 8

'15 to 7/31/15: 39

UP 31 units or 387%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 7/31/14: 44 units

'15 to 7/31/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 7/31/14: 922

'15 to 7/31/15: 1,043

UP 121 or 13.1%

Panhandling Update

In July, the City Council requested that information about the City's panhandling/aggressive solicitation law be mailed to residents and businesses with utility bills in August. Council also requested I work with our business community to get the word directly to them. Since then, I have met with some of our retail stores to discuss these regulations; and I will begin dropping off information cards with businesses in September. For more information about the City's panhandling/aggressive solicitation laws, check out the following link:

<http://monroewa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1549>

Thank YOU!!!

Main Street Plaza Celebration

THANK YOU to all those who participated in the ribbon cutting for Main Street Plaza on Saturday. We enjoyed music from Paul Jensen, cake from Sky River Bakery, and food and beverages from Big Daddy John's and Adam's NW Bistro. I appreciate all the coordination that went into the ribbon cutting from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, and words which were shared by Councilmembers Cudaback, Davis, Kamp, Gamble, and Rasmussen, and Senator Pearson. Thank you to Republic Services for the beautiful new flower pots, and to the Department of Ecology for the grant which made much of this project possible.

City Council Updates!

Congratulations!

Congratulations and welcome to our new Planning Commissioner, Brian Coonan. Commissioner Coonan is active in our community, working with youth soccer, and has previously served on our Salary Commission. Commissioner Coonan was sworn in at the Tuesday, August 25, 2015, Council Meeting.